Government of Uttar Pradesh thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) A note on an Agenda for Land Reforms was circulated to the States in June, 1989.

(b) The salient features of the note are :—

(i) House for every rural poor :

(ii) Distribution of ceiling surplus land locked in litigation :

(iii) Verification regarding possession of land allotted to SCs/ STs ;

(iv) Giving permanent and heritable rights to dwellers of forest villages ;

(v) Justice to oral and informal tenants and share-croppers ;

(vi) Identifying benami and farzi transactions in land undertaken to evade ceiling laws: and

(vii) 40% reservation for women in future allotment of land.

(c) Some of the State Governments have informed that they have taken necessary legal and administrative measures to implement land reforms programme effectively.

Government of Uttar Pradesh have listed a number of measures taken by them in the matter.

These are :

(i) Protection of homestead rights of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes or a village artisan by amendment of U. P. Zamindari Abolition Act. 1950 :

(ii) Formulation of proposal to set up Land Tribunal to expedite litigation connected with ceiling surplus land ;

(iii) Special campaigns taken up by the State from time to time for ensuring delivery of possessing of land allotted to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes ;

(iv) Permanent heritable rights granted to farmers of some forest villages ;

(v) Administrative procedures tightened to indentify and record informal tenants and share-croppers and to unearth benami and farzi transactions in land :

(vi) Instructions issued to Collectors to ensure that in all future allotment of land and housesites, names of male and female spouses are entered: and

(vii) Instructions have also been issued that in allotment of tree pattas women beneficiaries should constitute 40% of the allottees.

[English]

Expansion of Fertilizer Industry

3042. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expansion programme in the fertilizer industry has not been taken up for the last several years ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof : and

(c) the details of the steps now proposed to be taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, *question does not arise.*

(c) The details of the projects identified by the Government in public and co-operative sector are as follows :—

(i) Expansion of Vijaipur Plant of National Fertilizers Limited.

(ii) Expansion of Apnla Plant of IFFCO.

(iii) Expansion of Hazira Plant of KRIBHCO by setting up a nitrophosphate unit.

(iv) Revamping/expansion of the plant of Madras Fertilizers Limited.

(v) Expansion of Thal Plant of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited by setting up ammonia/nitrophosphate plant.

(vi) Modernisation and expansion of Cochin-II plant of FACT.

(vii) Putting up of a modern 900 TPC Ammonia plant in replacement of three old Ammonia Plants at Udyogmandal by FACT.

(viii) Upgradation of the Gorakhpur Plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India.

(ix) Phase-I Rehabilitation, including a captive power Plant of 40 MW, of Ramagandam Plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India.

(x) Phase-I Rehabilitation of Talcher Plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India.

(xi) Modernisation of Sindri Plant and setting up of a new captive power plant at Sindri by Fertilizer Corporation of India.

[Translation]

Declaration of Ambedkar's Birthday as Government Holiday

3043. *SHRI KALKA DASS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :*

(a) whether the Government have received demands from various organisations to declare 'April 14', the birthday of Baba Sahib Ambedkar, as a public holiday; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Representations have been received demanding holiday on the birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. As a matter of policy, the birthday of no national leader other than that of Mahatma Gandhi, is being observed as a regular holiday. In view of this, it has not been found possible to accept the demand.

Drinking Water for Animals under DDP

3044. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any provision has been made for a special fund for providing drinking water for animals under the Desert Development Programme;

(b) whether the Government propose to instal tube-wells in desert